

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a fault tolerant bus architecture and protocol for use in an Integrated Hazard Avoidance System of the type generally used in avionics applications. In addition, the present invention may also be used in applications, aviation and otherwise, wherein data is to be handled with a high degree of integrity and in a fault tolerant manner. Such applications may include for example, the banking industry or other safety critical processing functions, including but not limited to environmental control.